

DOCKET NO.: 230420US26YA

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Andrej S. MITROVIC

SERIAL NO: 10/673,583

ATTN: BOARD OF PATENT  
APPEALS & INTERFERENCES

APPEAL NO.: 2009-009948

FILED: September 30, 2003

FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING FIRST-PRINCIPLES SIMULATION  
TO PROVIDE VIRTUAL SENSORS THAT FACILITATE A  
SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING PROCESS

**REQUEST FOR DECISION BY BOARD OF APPEALS -**  
**NO REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

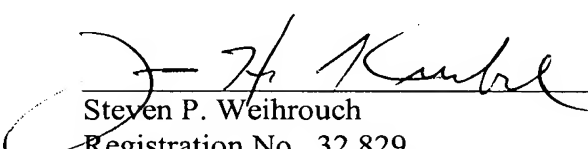
Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date on which a decision will be received from the Board of Appeals in the above-identified application.

The application was examined by Group 2128, the Examiner's Answer was mailed on November 14, 2008, and no oral hearing was requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, L.L.P.



Steven P. Weihrouch

Registration No. 32,829

James H. Knebel

Registration No 22,630

Ronald A. Rudder, Ph.D.

Registration No. 45,618

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 07/09)